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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In re Application of:

CERVIN ET AL.

CASE NO: CL2180 US NA

SERIAL NO: 10/680,286

GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

FILED: OCTOBER 6, 2003

EXAMINER: I.H. CHOWDHURY

FOR: PROCESS FOR THE BIOLOGICAL
PRODUCTION OF 1,3-PROPANEDIOL
WITH HIGH YIELD

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 14, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on July 14, 2006. A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the requisite fee for a two-month extension of time accompany this response. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.